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CHARLESTON, Ill--"I am tremendously pleased and enthusiastic."

That's how Dr. Peter Leigh reacted to the performance of Eastern Illinois University pre-law students in a mock trial at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Two Eastern students won first place awards in the competition involving 55 teams from 24 states. Steve Mack, Decatur, was cited for "best lawyer" and Maureen Donahue, Chicago, was recognized as "best witness."

The "case" involved drunken driving and an accident. Participants in the mock trial argued for both the plaintiff and the defendant.

Leigh, pre-law advisor, was also pleased with the cooperation given by local attorneys and judges in helping prepare his students.

"The legal community gave unstintingly of its time in helping the students, and for this we are grateful," Leigh said.